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Applicant: Sharon Mi Lyn Tan

Serial No.: 10/688,224

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TITLE: HEMODIALYSIS CATHETER WITH A FALSE LUMEN FOR
DELIVERY OF ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS TO PREVENT
INFECTION OF THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SURFACES OF THE
CATHETER

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2005 in the above matter.

In accordance with that Office Action, Applicants are requested under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 8-13 are considered generic. The species listed in the Office Action are as follows:

Species A: Figures 1-3,

Species B: Figure 4

Species C: Figures 5-6,

Species D: Figure 7

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Applicants hereby elect Species A, Figures 1-3 and their associated description for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-17 are readable upon Species A.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700, ext. 7 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees required, to deposit account number 50-1047.

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